



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Department of Parks and Engineering

COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

November 3, 2018

1:00 p.m., Library



Mission: To provide the community with the opportunity and means to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers, to educate people about the benefits of gardening and cultivate a community of people committed to sustainable land use in our city.

MEETING ATTENDEES: See attached sign in sheet

Discussion: Rodney called the meeting to order at 1:00 and the following items were discussed and agreed to by the consensus of those present:

1. For the 2019 growing season:
 - a. Returning gardeners should send applications to the City by December 16, 2018. Rodney will update applications on the garden website.
 - b. City will advertise for new plot holders via media releases and social media the first week of January, 2019
 - c. New members may apply up to Feb 15, 2019
2. The beds shall all be cleaned out by the end of the calendar year or the plot holder may lose their status as a returning gardener in good standing. Rodney will send email.
3. Group made the following requests of City staff:
 - The wheelbarrows need some maintenance (air in tires, look over everything)
 - Hose reel possibly on fence?
 - Additional leafgro is needed
 - Remove all BROKEN water barrels (don't need replacements) and redistribute evenly the good ones
 - The beds are coming apart at corners and need addressed
 - Information sign at gate
4. City will pull the water meter to avoid fees over the winter and have it re-installed the first week of March 2019.
5. Classes: The group would like to see classes on "gardening 101 for beginners" organic pest control, and pollinators.

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6. There was a discussion about how to deal with people who do not keep up or abandon their plots and what to do with the produce. Rodney emails people concerning this issue. If there is a problem gardeners can email him with the information and he will contact the plot holder. Gardeners can also contact each other with questions concerning plots.
7. Julie Grimm will Co-Lead with Rodney. As much as anything, we need people to maintain good communications between the plot holders. The following people will continue to help:
 - a. Monica Johnson: Facebook page, etc.
 - b. Rachel Forlifer: newsletter
 - c. Julie Grim: Facebook page (needs to have administrative rights to use the Facebook page)
8. Group also discussed winterizing tips, pest control, "close lid" stickers for yard waste containers, tiller maintenance and general security issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for **March 9, 2019 at 10:30 AM in room 334 of the library.**

CC: All 2018 plot holders
Mark Haddock
Cathy Beach
Rodney Tissue

Attachment: Sign in sheet

SIGN-IN SHEET

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